

Remarks

Claim 1 has been amended and new claims 45 and 46 have been added. Review and reconsideration in light of the amendments are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended, at line 13, to change "having size and shape" to "having a size and shape" to correct a typographical error. It is noted that Applicant's Amendment mailed April 7, 2005 included this correction, but claim 1 has not labelled as being "Currently Amended," in that Amendment. Accordingly claim 1 is amended again in this Amendment to ensure the correction to claim 1 is noted and entered.

New claim 45 is essentially identical to claim 1, which has been allowed, with the exception that claim 45 does not specify that the mouth is located on the second panel. However, claim 45 specifies that the mouth is positioned such that the mouth can be accessed when the notebook is in the closed position (i.e. when the stack of papers is located between the pouch and the rear covers). Thus it is submitted that claim 45 defines over the cited art, and is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1. Claim 46 further distinguishes over the cited art.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in a condition for allowance and a formal notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, including the fee for an extension of time, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. The applicant(s) hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,



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